

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE

TOWN OF AUBURN,

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR, ENDING

MARCH, 1873.

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1873.



SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer	\$771 00	
County Treasurer	1,274 06	
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SCHOOL MONEY, DOG TAX, AND LITERARY FUND.

Paid District No. 1	\$73 72	
2	94 63	
3	243 42	
4	.	.	.	.	.	114 35	
5	.	.	.	.	.	113 53	
6	.	.	.	.	.	111 06	
7	.	.	.	.	.	143 07	
8	.	.	.	.	.	135 67	
3 in Candia	.	.	.	.	.	1 81	
						<hr/>	\$1,031 26

PRINTING, STATIONERY AND BLANK BOOKS.

Paid Campbell & Hanseom, printing reports for 1872		\$28 00	
Andrew F. Fox for sundry articles of stationery purchased during the year for the town	.	.	\$2 30
Revenue and postage stamps	.	.	2 24
1½ doz. Surveyors' books	.	.	1 50
1 Collector's book	.	.	1 25
Blank books	.	.	1 25
		<hr/>	\$8 54
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			\$36 54

COLLECTOR'S, SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES.

Paid H. Dockham in part for 1870	\$55 00
Alfred T. Wood in part for 1872	62 00
H. C. Canney, services as superintending school committee	39 00
George E. Edmunds, services as town clerk	25 00
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	\$181 00

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SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Nathaniel Brown for board of John Graham from March 1, 1872, 4 weeks and 3 days	\$15 50
Marvin R. Proctor, for board of John Graham, 8 weeks to May 27, 1872	50 00
1 pr. shoes, \$1.50; 2 pr. stockings, 50c., for J. Graham	2 00
Stephen P. Smith, for board of Joseph Calef, from March 1 to July 8, 1872, 130 days, at 50c. per day	65 00
Extra, while sick	35 00
Mending clothes	1 50
Daniel H. Webster, car fare and paid for keeping transient persons	2 65
County farm for board of Joseph Calef, from July 8 to July 24, 1872, $2\frac{1}{3}$ weeks	7 00
Funeral expenses	7 00
For boarding John Graham, from May 27 to Oct. 6, 1872, 19 weeks	57 00
Funeral expenses	7 00
T. S. Colby, wood furnished Dunavan girls	34 00
George E. Edmunds, to keeping and paid for keeping 4 transient persons	4 00
H. C. Canney, medical attendance on J. Graham	9 75
“ “ “ “ Jos. Calef	14 00
W. T. Pennock, 8 yds. cloth for John Graham	1 20

Paid W. I. Gilbert, to taking care of a transient person and notifying Selectmen	\$1 50
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	\$314 10

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Chas. E. Dudley	\$17 25
Edward O. Prescott	54 40
James C. Crombie	26 65
George P. Clarke	21 28
John Davis, 2d	3 42
George W. Reed	36 18
John Ray	3 75
Henry Dockham	7 50
Wm. A. Heselton	4 50
W. T. Pennoek	45
John Heselton	4 90
Stephen Emery	8 55
Alfred T. Wood	2 25
Stephen M. McDuffee	4 39
Charles Spofford	11 28
Abraham Hook	1 30
Thaddens S. Colby	1 44
George G. Griffin	19 72
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	\$229 21

BREAKING OUT HIGHWAYS.

Paid George W. Reed	\$ 60
Stephen Kimball	1 55
Benjamin Chase	2 10
Henry Dockham	4 00
Ebenezer M. Leavitt	8 00
Alfred T. Wood	3 90
Stephen M. McDuffee	2 47

Paid Thomas Goldsmith	\$3 30
Jacob Pingree	1 20
John Leavitt	75
John Leavitt	3 50
Charles P. Emery	3 50
James Ray	2 25
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	\$37 12

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES WORKED OUT.

Paid Edward O. Prescott, No. 8, 1872	\$5 75
John Davis, 2nd, 1, "	6 93
George W. Reed, 9, "	12 27
Frank C. Patten, 14, "	5 76
Henry Dockham, 11, 1871	3 71
Henry Dockham, 11, 1872	4 90
LeRoy McDuffee, 4, "	28 27
Alfred T. Wood, 10, "	2 15
Fletcher Brown, 5, "	4 57
Stephen M. McDuffee, 12, "	14 29
Charles Spofford, 6, "	4 60
Abraham Hook, 13, "	1 69
Marvin R. Proctor, 7, "	3 87
Andrew F. Fox, 3, "	36 38
Sundry certificates of taxes worked out by non- residents	21 33
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	\$156 47

DEBTS PAID.

1872.

March 14, Hidden Brown	\$500 00
June 11, Daniel H. Blaisdell	2,950 73
Aug. 5, Sarah Chase	50 00
Oct. 12, R. Heath, R. Hill's note,	444 36

Oct.	19, Susanna K. Holmes	. . . . .	\$418 26
Nov.	5, Hannah Colby	. . . . .	20 00
Dec.	7, Hidden Brown	. . . . .	1,024 46
	27, Hannah Colby	. . . . .	191 73
	30, Sarah Chase	68 49
1873.			
Feb.	18, Andrew F. Fox	206 60
	25, Daniel H. Webster	104 55
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			\$5,979 18

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid on Henry Dockham's list for 1869 Nathan K.			
	Harwood deceased	\$17 50
on Henry Dockham's list, for 1870 Nathan K.			
	Harwood deceased	. . . . .	16 73
	Authur S. Hook	. . . . .	8 52
	Jonathan Robinson	. . . . .	30 87
on Alfred T. Wood's list, for 1872 Susanna K.			
	Holmes	. . . . .	8 00
	William H. Murry deceased	. . . . .	2 60
	Joseph W. Merrill	. . . . .	2 60
	Harrison Burnham	. . . . .	15 60
	Hannah Colby	. . . . .	5 20
	Hidden Brown	. . . . .	26 00
	Hannah Chase	. . . . .	10 40
	Sarah Chase	. . . . .	2 60
	John Robbins deceased	. . . . .	2 60
	Albert A. Osgood, gone from town	. . . . .	2 60
	David P. Brickett, cow lost	. . . . .	60
	Jacob Pingree, horse lost	. . . . .	75
on Thomas J. Crombie's list, for 1871 Charles			
	Smith	. . . . .	62
	Dunlap & Houston, wrong tax	. . . . .	7 01
	Elijah F. Breck, gone from town	. . . . .	4 69
	Albert A. Osgood,	. . . . .	4 69
	Luther Preston	. . . . .	4 69

George A. Wood	"	.	.	.	.	4 69
Joseph French	"	.	.	.	.	4 69
James Nutting	"	.	.	.	.	4 69
William Holden,	"	.	.	.	.	4 69
Hezekiah D. Davis,	"	.	.	.	.	9 59
Martin Josselyn	"	.	.	.	.	4 69
Simon G. Prescott, wrong tax	.	.	.	.	.	7 00
Heirs of Rament Preston, "	4 69
Samuel D. Sherburne, horse lost	93
Hannah Colby	6 23
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						\$226 76

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Gilman Reed, damage to wagon	.	.	.	\$5 00
Pike Chase, use of vestry	.	.	.	15 00
Sebastian S. Griffin, watering trough	.	.	.	2 00
M. R. Proctor, care of grave yard	.	.	.	3 00
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				\$25 00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

1872.

John C. Morrill's bill :

April 4,	Paid G. B. Savage, showing land	.	.	\$ 25
Oct. 23,	Expense to Portsmouth	.	.	2 50
Nov. 25,	Expense to Concord	.	.	2 00
	Use of horse, wagon, and sleigh, 19			
	times	.	.	15 00
	To 25 meals and horse baitings furnished			
	during this year	.	.	7 57
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				\$27 32

Andrew F. Fox's Bill :

1872.

Feb.	Paid Expense at Manchester while procur-	.	.	.	
	ing town accounts	.	.	.	\$1 00

March 18,	Paid C. W. Stanley, for professional advice	\$2 00
April	Sundry persons, services and expenses while making appraisal	24 72
	To 29 meals and horse baitings, for select- men	8 67
June 3,	Car fare, and expense to Concord	1 50
Sept. 9,	Expenses to Derry	1 25
	14, Paid Cheney & Co., Express	2 50
Dec. 7,	H. Burnham, expenses at Selectmen's meeting	2 00
1873.		
Jan. 4,	S. S. Griffin, expenses at Selectmen's meeting	2 75
	Use of horse, wagon, and sleigh 22 times	18 00
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Daniel H. Webster's Bill :

1872.

Use of horse, wagon, and sleigh, 31 times	\$33 81
To 4 meals, for selectmen	1 33
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\$35 14	
 \$126 85	

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

John C. Morrill's Bill :

1872.

March 18,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business	\$ 57
25,	attending juror meeting	50
27, 29,	1 day on town business	1 50
April,	To 15 days taking invoice and making ap- praisal	22 50
	4 days making taxes and return to State Treasurer	6 00
May 8, 9,	1 day on town business	1 50
15,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day to County Commissioner	75

May 18, July 6, Aug. 20, Oct. 12, 16, 2½ days on town business	\$3 75
Oct. 19, ½ day making check-lists and warrants	75
23, 1 day to Portsmouth	1 50
Nov. 2, ½ day on check-list	75
25, 1 day to Concord	1 50
Dec. 7, Jan. 4, 17, 3 days settling accounts	4 50
Feb. 18, 25, 2 days settling, making check-lists, &c	3 00
26, 1 day with auditors	1 50
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	\$50 75

Andrew F. Fox's bill :

Feb. 26, 27, 29, and March 1, to 3 days procuring and distributing town accounts	\$4 50
March 18, ½ day on town business	75
1 day preparing invoice book	1 50
April 15 days taking invoice and making appraisal	22 50
4 days making taxes and returns to State Treasurer	6 00
May Copying surveyors' books, and making collector's book	3 00
9, 18, 23, 1½ days work on town business	2 25
June 3, 1 day to Concord after bonds	1 50
4, 1 day to Fremont, to pay Blaisdell	1 50
11, ¾ day to Chester and Auburn village	1 12
July 6, ½ day on town business	75
Sept. 9, Oct. 12, 1½ day on town business	2 25
19, making check lists and warrants	1 50
Nov. 2, ½ day on town business	75
Dec. 7, Jan. 4, 2 days settling accounts	3 00
Nov. 30, ½ day on town business	75
Feb. 17, 18, 20, and 25, 4 days settling, preparing accounts, &c.	6 00
26, 1 day with auditors	1 50
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	\$61 12

Daniel H. Webster's bill :

1872.

March 18, ½ day on town business	\$ 75
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April,	13½ days taking invoice and making appraisal	\$20 25
	4 days making taxes and return to treasurer	6 00
May 9, 16, 18, to	1½ day delivering surveyors' books and other town business	2 25
	21, 1 day on town business	1 50
Oct.	4, 12 and 19, 1½ ditto. . . .	2 25
Nov.	2, correcting check list. . . .	75
	11, ½ day on town business	75
Dec. 7 and Jan. 4,	1½ day settling accounts. . . .	2 25
	21, ½ day on town business , . . .	75
Feb. 17, 18 and 25,	3 days settling, &c	4 50
26, ' .	1 day with auditor	1 50
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		\$43 50
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		\$155 37

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Town of Auburn in account with A. F. Fox,	<i>Dr.</i>
Paid State and county taxes	\$2,045 06
School money, literary fund, and dog tax	1,031 26
Printing, stationery, and blank books	36 54
Collectors, superintending school committees, and town Clerk's services	181 00
Support of paupers	314 10
Improvements on highways	229 21
Breaking out highways	37 12
Non-resident highway taxes worked out	156 47
Debts paid	5,979 18
Abatement of taxes	226 76
Miscellaneous bills	25 07
Selectmen's expenses	126 85
Selectmen's services	155 30
Service and expense of Auditors and expense of Selectmen	7 50
Balance in the treasury	1,386 61
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	\$11,938 03

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Town of Auburn in account with A. F. Fox,	<i>Cr.</i>
Balance in the treasury March 1, 1872	\$134 15
Received of Henry Dockham, Collector for 1869, in full,	87 44
" Ditto, 1870, in part,	520 12
T. J. Crombie, ditto 1871 in part	1,989 39
A. T. Wood, ditto 1872 in part	4,235 00
County of Rockingham	44 94
State treasurer railroad tax	48 94
" " literary fund	71 75
" " savings bank tax	509 30
" " reimbursement money	75 00
Interest on State bonds	372 00
Borrowed of William Hoyt	650 00
Mrs. C. W. Calef	1,000 00
Daniel H. Webster	1,000 00
Frank A. Fox	50 00
Andrew F. Fox	200 00
Susan Smith	175 00
Hidden Brown	275 00
Mrs. A. F. Fox	400 00
Hidden Brown	1,000 00
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	\$11,938 03

Auburn, Feb. 26, 1873.

I hereby certify that the above account is correct,

ANDREW F. FOX,

Town Treasurer.

We hereby certify that the above account is correct.

JOHN C. MORRILL,

ANDREW F. FOX,

DANIEL H. WEBSTER,

Selectmen of Auburn.

STATEMENT.

The town of Auburn owes the following notes, including interest to March 1, 1873 :

Samuel Jones \$6,593 84

William Hoyt	\$495 60
Hannah S. Chase	131 86
Mary Patten	982 65
Melinda E. Severance	493 17
Samuel Anderson	163 26
Samuel Anderson	201 46
Charles E. Young	556 69
David E. Dickey	415 03
Moses Webster	152 20
William P. Underhill	1,195 70
John Ordway	2,224 24
Harrison Burnham	643 88
William Hoyt	685 75
Mrs. C. W. Calef	1,046 66
Frank A. Fox	52 31
Susan Smith, (two notes)	178 02
Hidden Brown	281 31
Mrs. A. F. Fox	409 20
Hidden Brown	1,013 83

\$17,907 67

Due from the United States as reported in 1864	\$378 00
from Henry Dockham, collector for 1870	377 13
from T. J. Crombie, collector for 1871	883 99
from A. T. Wood, collector for 1872	1,723 02
State bonds and interest from January 1 to	
March 1, 1873	6,262 00
Balance in the Treasury	1,386 61

\$11,010 72

Balance against the town \$6,897 92

JOHN C. MORRILL,
ANDREW F. FOX,
DANIEL H. WEBSTER,

Selectmen of Auburn.

Auburn, Feb. 1873

This certifies that we have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers for the several charges, and we recommend the town allow the same.

ALFRED T. WOOD,
HARRISON BURNHAM,
STEPHEN EMERY,

Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the legal voters of the Town of AUBURN the following Report is respectfully submitted:

DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer term was taught by Miss Lilly Dolber of Candia. This was her first school, yet Miss Dolber showed herself an energetic teacher, and the school made good progress.

The winter term was taught by Miss May A. Lufkin of Auburn. The term closed suddenly without any examination, owing to the sudden illness of the teacher; but from the appearance of the school at its commencement, and Miss Lufkin's known ability as a teacher, along with the testimony of such of the parents of her scholars as we have been able to see, it was universally pronounced "the best school we have had for some time." We are satisfied it was a profitable term.

DISTRICT No. 2.

There have been two terms in this district. The first was taught by Miss May A. Lufkin. This was her first school, yet she soon showed herself to be the right person in the right place, and the closing examination showed good progress, along with good order and thoroughness.

The winter term was taught by Miss Ella F. Hanson of Auburn. Miss Hanson is a teacher of large experience and good reputation, which reputation she has fully maintained this term. She had the champion class in arithmetic, composed of Mary E. Pratt, aged 13, Isabelle Leavitt, 12, and Rosie C. Lufkin, 12, who commenced Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic at common fractions and finished the book within a couple of pages, with a thoroughness rarely equalled.

DISTRICT No. 3.

There have been three terms in this district. The first was taught by Miss Mary E. Dearborn, who fully sustained her well-merited reputation as a thorough teacher. The fact that this was her seventh term in this district bears witness of what the people of the district think of her as a teacher.

The second term was taught by Miss Clara Bickford of Concord, who is a young lady of good ability and good standing as a scholar.

The third term is being taught by Miss Jennie G. Clark of Auburn. This is Miss Clark's first experience as a teacher, yet the scholars have made commendable advancement in their studies, and the school has some weeks yet to continue.

DISTRICT No. 4.

There have been three terms in this district. The first term was taught by Miss Annie B. Emery of Chester. This was her first school, yet she showed those traits of character so needful for a first-class teacher, and the scholars made good progress.

The second term was taught by Miss Mary L. Hall of Chester. This was her first experience as a teacher, but at the first visit of your Committee she seemed at home in the school room and master of her situation. Her scholars were quiet and orderly, and their lessons were well learned; and Miss Hall showed herself a thorough and practical teacher, governing her school with rare coolness and judgment.

The third term was taught by the same teacher, who added new luster to the brilliant reputation as a teacher which she had already acquired. At the closing examination a goodly number of the inhabitants of the district were present, showing that "in this little corner of Auburn," the people are interested in the education of their children, without which interest it is impossible to have a good school.

DISTRICT No. 5.

There have been two terms in this district. Both were taught by Mary C. Chase of Auburn. Although Miss Chase had no previous experience as a teacher, she taught an excellent school, in-

teresting her scholars in their studies ; thus having well learned lessons of good length, and at all times preserving the most perfect order.

DISTRICT No. 6.

This district had two terms the past year, the first being taught by Miss Ella L. Fittz of Chester. Miss Fittz possessed in a marked degree the power of winning the affections of her pupils and interesting them in their studies. The lessons were well learned, and the advancement satisfactory.

The second term was taught by Miss Emily Sanborn of Candia. Miss Sanborn is a teacher of mature experience, and the school made fair progress.

DISTRICT No. 7.

The first term was taught by Miss Mary F. Pingree. This was her sixth term in this district. The school made fair progress and she fully sustained her previous reputation.

The second term was taught by Miss Amelia L. House of Stanstead, C. E. Miss House commenced the school with every prospect of success, but owing to the sickness of her parents, she was obliged to leave suddenly, without any closing examination.

The third term was taught by Miss Mary C. Chase of Auburn. What few scholars were in attendance made good progress in their studies, but after two and one half weeks, they unanimously concluded the school house had too much ventilation for a winter school.

DISTRICT No. 8.

The first term was taught by Miss Sarah E. Spofford of Manchester. This was Miss Spofford's first experience in teaching. She proved herself a diligent and faithful teacher. The school made a good degree of progress, with marked thoroughness and good order.

The second term was taught by Miss Rebecca L. George. The school opened well, but the prudential committee failed to notify the Superintending Committee of the close of the term, and we cannot report the progress.

The third term is being taught by Miss Ella Webster of Ches-

ter. Miss Webster is a teacher of much experience. The school appeared well at its commencement, and has some weeks yet to keep.

REMARKS.

A fair degree of interest has been shown in most schools. In some districts an unfortunate circumstance is the many kinds of text-books in use, thus multiplying the number of classes, so that the teacher has but a few minutes to attend to each; and although not feeling at liberty to order a complete change in the books used, your committee would recommend that parents, when purchasing books for their children, should purchase Greenleaf's Improved Series of Arithmetics, Warren's Geographies, and Weld & Quackenbos' Grammar. I would suggest to committees and teachers that they find out what the Laws of the State make the duties of each, so as not to interfere with that which is not their duty to superintend, whereby the harmony of the school may be disturbed.

H. C. CANNEY,

Superintending Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	Term.	Teachers.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending.	No. of attendance.	Average attendance.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances of dismissal.	Wages per month, including board.	Length of school in Weeks.	No. of scholars not absent one-half day
No. 1.	First	Lillie Dolber.		16	14	14	3	\$21	10	
No. 1.	Second	May A. Lufkin.	2	17	15	25	18	25	13	
No. 2.	First	May A. Lufkin.	1	33	30	34	9	23	8	9
No. 2.	Second	Ella F. Hanson.	2	32	26	32	23	24	15	9
No. 3.	First	M. E. Dearborn.		41	34½	8	11	30	8	7
No. 3.	Second	Clara Bickford.		40	30	6	20	30	7	4
No. 3.	Third	Jennie G. Clark.		34	28	17	50	40	11	4
No. 4.	First	Annie B. Emery.	5	10	8½	54	10	22	8	4
No. 4.	Second	Mary L. Hall.		14	12¼	2		22	8	9
No. 4.	Third	Mary L. Hall.		19	16	4	2	22	9	9
No. 5.	First	Mary C. Chase.	2	13	10	40	2	20	8	1
No. 5.	Second	Mary C. Chase.	2	17	12	81	6	20	12	
No. 6.	First	Ella L. Fitz.	2	10	9½	2	10	21	9	4
No. 6.	Second	Emily Sanborn.		11	10	12	1	21	10	2
No. 7.	First	Mary F. Pingree.	3	16	15	4	5	30 60	8	6
No. 7.	Second	Amelia L. House.	4	15	13	4		39 60	5½	12
No. 7.	Third	Mary C. Chase.	7	10	7¼	4	1	39 60	2½	1
No. 8.	First	Sarah E. Spofford.		16	14	12	2	23	9	1
No. 8.	Second	Rebecca L. George.	3	13	10	4	2	26	9	2
No. 8.	Third	Webster.								

March 1872

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